

Kitchen

- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day to eliminate the number of glasses to wash.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while scraping them clean.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator.
- Don't let the water run while washing dishes by hand. Instead fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand.
- Run your dishwasher only when full.
- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing.



Laundry Room

- Run your washer only when full.
- Set laundry water level to match size of the load.
- Wash dark clothes in cold water helps save water.



Bathroom

- Keep showers under 5 minutes.
- While you wait for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.
- Turn off the water while:
 - Brush your teeth
 - Washing your hair
 - Lathering your hands
 - Washing your face
 - Shaving facial or body hair
- Test your toilet for leaks. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, there's a leak.



Lawn Care

- Plant it smart
 - Look for plants that are labeled as “low-water-use plants”
 - Group plants with the same watering needs together.
 - 3 inches of mulch around plants to decrease evaporation.
- Avoid overseeding your lawn
- Installing gutters or use rain barrel to collect rainwater and direct runoff to plants.
- Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light and water.
- Water your summer lawns once every three days and your winter lawn once every five days.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
- Signs of overwatering: Leaves turn lighter shades of green or yellow, young shoots wilt, and sometimes algae or fungi grow.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently for leaks.
- Adjust sprinklers to ensure only your lawn is being watered.

Pool

- Use a pool cover to help keep your pool clean
- Don't overfill the pool.
- Instead of building a private pool, join a community pool.



**WHY USE MORE
THAN YOU NEED?**